

## State of Utah DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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Bruce Evans 1250 N 200 W PO Box 137 Nephi, Utah 84648

Subject: 30 Day Notice, Nephi Sandstone Corp., Cedar Springs, M/023/0059, Juab County, Utah

Dear Mr. Evans:

An inspection of the Cedar Springs site was performed on October 30, 2008; please see the attached inspection report. The mine has been inactive for more than 5 years. Division rules related to suspension of a mine site are as follows:

R647-4-117

- 3. The operator shall give the Division prompt written notice of a termination or suspension of large mining operations expected to exceed five (5) years. Upon receipt of notification, the Division shall, within 30 days, make an inspection of the property.
- 4. Large mining operations that have been approved for an extended suspension period will be reevaluated on a regular basis. Additional interim reclamation or stabilization measures may be required in order for a large mining operation to remain in a continued state of suspension. Reclamation of a large mining operation may be required after five (5) years of continued suspension. The Division will require complete reclamation of the mine site when the suspension period exceeds 10 years, unless the operator appeals to the Board prior to the expiration of the 10-year period and shows good cause for a longer suspension period.

This rule requires the operator to notify the Division about the status of this site after five years. Based on the Division's inspection, it appears reclamation of the site would be appropriate given the inactivity. The Division requests a response within 30 days why reclamation should not be required at this site at this time. The Division will make a final decision regarding reclamation based on your response.

Paul B. Baker

Sincerely.

Minerals Program Manager

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